



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 266

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CAUSES
OF FATHERLESSNESS IN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the causes of fatherlessness in this state. Such study shall
3 examine the impact of public policies in promoting fatherhood versus
4 fatherlessness and shall consider how subsidized programs operate to
5 encourage or discourage childbearing outside of marriage.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) Two each appointed by the speaker of the House of
8 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate;

9 (2) One each appointed by the majority leader of the House of
10 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader
11 of the House of Representatives, and the minority leader of the Senate;

12 (3) The Commissioners of Social Services and Children and
13 Families, or the commissioners' designees; and

14 (4) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

15 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)
16 and (2) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the

17 General Assembly.

(d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall serve as administrative staff of the task force. The task force may seek the advice and participation of any person, organization or state or federal agency it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(g) Not later than June 1, 2009, the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or June 1, 2009, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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